

Torrance, California
October 11, 1938

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, October 11, 1938 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilman: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held September 27, 1938 be approved as written. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Order of Eastern Star of Redondo Beach, extending thanks for the use of the Municipal Park August 24, 1938.

A communication was read from Ed. H. Lawson, 116 Main Street, Huntington Beach, applying for permission to operate a cigar store and card room in the City of Torrance. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be filed. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from R.W. Edens, Box 655, Lomita, requesting permission to operate a card room or draw poker game in the City of Torrance. Councilman Powell moved that the application be filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Coordinating Council, requesting permission to construct booths on Sartori Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and Gramercy Street during the Factory Frolic being held October 28 and 29, 1938. It was also requested that permission be granted for extending a Band Stand across the sidewalk on Sartori Avenue.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Coordinating Council requesting an appropriation of \$400.00 to help defray expense of the Factory Frolic October 28 and 29.

Councilman McGuire moved that this request be referred to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors in connection with the matter of designating the Hawthorne-LaBrea Route as a State Highway. A communication addressed to the Board of Supervisors from the Road Commissioner was also enclosed, advising that the proper procedure to have this route made a State Highway is by a direct presentation of the matter to the State Senator or Assemblyman, or both of that district before the first session of the State Legislature in January, 1939.

A communication was read from the Torrance Ministerial Union, expressing appreciation for the cooperation given religious groups in the City in the past, and stating they were convinced any revenue derived from questionable practices in the community would be derived at too high a cost.

Clerk Bartlett presented bids for roofing the fire department building as follows:

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>BID</u>
Sanders Brothers	\$160.00
H.M. Bailey	\$130.50 (Materials as per specifications)
	\$138.00 (Johns-Mansville asbestos cap sheet)
Bill's & Scotty's Roof Service	\$212.00

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the bids be referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and action. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the Division of Highways was read, enclosing a First Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement for expenditure of 1/4-cent gas tax on State Highways for the 1937-39 biennium, together with a suggested form of resolution.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement when duly investigated and approved by the City Engineer and City Attorney.

Engineer Young explained that not much investigation is necessary or possible, since this agreement is intended primarily to budget an additional \$1,700.00 for maintenance on Redondo-Wilmington Boulevard over the amount specified in the agreement executed last July.

Councilman Hitchcock withdrew his motion.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1219

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF 1/4-CENT GAS TAX ALLOCATED FOR STATE HIGHWAYS.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1219 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading:

ORDINANCE No. 308

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING PARKING ON WATSON AND CARSON STREETS BETWEEN MANUEL AVENUE AND COTA AVENUE.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 308 be suspended. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 308 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Young reported that he had investigated the matter of the low place in the alley at 1320 Cota Avenue and was convinced that the most satisfactory method of drainage would be to sink a well, at an approximate cost of \$100.00.

He explained that there is not enough fall to drain by installing pipe, and that, since houses and garages have been built in the low spot, it could not be filled in without raising the grade somewhat and putting the buildings in a sunken position.

There was a little discussion as to whether or not a well could be put in for \$100.00.

A gentleman in the audience stated that a 28" well with 14" casing could be sunk for about \$100.00.

Councilman Hitchcock suggested that the matter be referred over to the next meeting until more definite figures are obtainable.

Mr. Young reported that, in the matter of the Malaga Cove site desired by the University of Southern California for an archeological survey, he had contacted Mr. Bisbee, Chief Engineer of the Huntington Land Company and is waiting for a report from him. Mr. Young said that the site is located in the City of Torrance, but is privately owned property.

Mr. Young reported that the southwest corner of 190th and Crenshaw Boulevard is a very sharp angle, making it difficult for trucks to make turns at that point. He said that the General Petroleum Corporation had expressed a willingness to dedicate their property on that corner, provided the City of Torrance will fill it in with 6" asphalt concrete.

Mr. Young estimated that this would cost about \$934.00, as it would also be necessary to extend the culvert thirty-five feet and do some excavating.

Councilman Hitchcock suggested that the matter be investigated to determine whether or not 1/4-cent gasoline tax funds can be used for this work and that the matter be referred to the Street Department for investigation and recommendation.

Attorney McCall reported that his written report as to the legal procedure for establishing a special fund from City Dump revenue will be completed soon.

Councilman Powell, as Chairman of the Ordinance Committee, issued a statement that, as far as he was concerned, no ordinance permitting card games or gambling in the City of Torrance will be adopted at this time, nor is any such action contemplated in the immediate future.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$289.31, plus sales tax, be made for the purchase of wire fence and gates for lot 9 and 12 at the City Yard, to be used as a propagation yard. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$438.67, plus sales tax, be made for fencing the buildings at the City Yard. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock presented a request for removal of a tree at 1813 Cabrillo and moved that the matter be referred to the Street Committee. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman McGuire presented a Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1938.

Councilman McGuire moved that the fleet insurance be renewed without changing insurance carrier. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that \$1,303.00 be transferred from the unallocated fund to the police department salary fund. Councilmen Hitchcock, seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that \$400.00 be transferred from the unallocated fund to the election fund, to cover bond election of September 20, 1938. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire reported that a meeting will be held for discussion of the police radio communication system at Hermosa Beach October 13, 1938 and that a report will be ready for the next meeting.

Mayor Tolson presented monthly reports of the fire and police departments.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$385.94 be made for material and supplies for Water Department stock, to be paid from bond fund. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$269.39 be made for 342 feet 4" cast iron 150# pipe, 1 6" cast iron elbow, 24 goosenecks complete for the Water Department, to be paid from bond fund. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$154.50 be made for 100 No. 3 Cement Meter Boxes for the Water Department. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson presented a request by the Director of public Safety for a fire plug at the corner of 203rd and Arlington Streets, and recommended that no action be taken at the present time.

Mr. Stanger, Manager of the Water Department, expressed the opinion that a plug at this location is of vital importance, since the nearest available plug is 2200 feet from the corner and is privately owned.

Mayor Tolson moved that the installation of a fire plug at the corner of 203rd and Arlington Streets be authorized, at a cost of about \$90.00. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Parks inquired as to why the Coordinating Council request for an appropriation of \$400.00 to help defray expenses of the Factory Frolic had been referred to the Chamber of Commerce. He was informed that it is a Chamber of Commerce function and referred for that reason.

Mr. Hagberg made a request for fifty chairs for the Recreation Department at Walteria and asked that something be done towards remodeling the recreation hall. Mayor Tolson advised that matters of that nature should be presented by Mr. Riley, Recreation Director. He told Mr. Hagberg that he would take the matter up with Mr. Riley this week.

Mr. Hagberg asked that stop signs be installed at Highway 101 and Hawthorne Boulevard. After a great deal of discussion, as to traffic conditions, etc., Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Automobile Club of Southern California be contacted and asked to send a man to meet with the officials of the City and representatives of the Walteria Improvement Association. It was suggested that City Engineer Young be authorized to notify the Automobile Club of this action and make arrangements for the meeting.

Mr. Cheadle asked what steps had been taken toward zoning the City. He was advised that plans are being made to call a protest meeting in the near future.

Mr. Brown asked that the Santa Fe Railroad Company be requested to install a wig-wag signal at the Cedar Avenue and Santa Fe Street crossing, stating that the crossing is blinded for 600 feet on both sides by eucalyptus trees.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be re-

requested to write the officials of the Santa Fe Railroad Company with reference to installing a wig-wag signal at this crossing. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman McGuire moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:48 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:



Mayor of the City of Torrance